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SUBJ: PARLIAMENT'S UPPER HOUSE APPROVES EXTENSION OF LOK SABHA TEAM

REF: NEW DELHI 16216

1. PARLIAMENT'S UPPER HOUSE, THE FAJYA SABHA, ON NOVEMBER 12 APPROVED BY VOICE NOTE THE GOVERNMENT'S BILL TO EXTEND THE LIFE OF THE LOK SABHA BY ANOTHER YEAR, I.E. UNTIL MARCH 1978. NEWS ACCOUNTS REPORT THAT THE DEBATE ON THE BILL GENERALLY FOLLOWED THE PATTERN ESTABLISHED DURING THE LOK SABHA'S CONSIDERATION (REFTEL): CONGRESS PRESIDENT D.K. BAROOAH JUSTIFIED THE EXTENSION BY ARGUING THAT

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MORE TIME WAS NEEDED TO CONSOLIDATE THE GAINS OF THE

EMERGENCY AND THAT "RIGHT WING AND REACTIONARY FORCES"
WERE STILL PRESENT IN THE COUNTRY. CPI MP'S VIGOROUSLY
OPPOSED THE MEASURE, WARNING THAT A FURTHER POSTPONEMENT
OF ELCTIONS WOULD "WEAKEN THE FOUNDATION OF PARLIAMENTARY
DEMOCRACY." GIVEN THE CONGRESS' OVERSHWLMING MAJORITY
IN THE RAJYA SABHA (168 OUT OF 244 SEATS), THE BILL'S
PASSAGE WAS ASSURED.

2. THE ESTENSION BILL NOW GOES TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
HIS ASSENT. SAXBE

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